

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUPPORTING MICROELECTRONIC  
SUBSTRATES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for supporting a microelectronic substrate. The apparatus can include a microelectronic substrate and a support member carrying the microelectronic substrate. The apparatus can further include a first connection structure carried by the support member. The first connection structure can have a first bond site configured to receive a flowable conductive material, and can further have at least two first elongated members connected and extending outwardly from the first bond site. Each first elongated member can be configured to receive at least a portion of the flowable conductive material from the first bond site, with none of the first elongated members being electrically coupled to the microelectronic substrate. The assembly can further include a second connection structure that is electrically coupled to the microelectronic substrate and that can include second elongated members extending away from a second bond site. The number of second elongated members can be equal to the number of first elongated members.